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SAME, AND ELECTROLYTIC SOLUTION FOR NONAQUEOUS BATTERY

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of each of the following prior foreign applications is hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-381184, filed December 27, 2002, and

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-53549, filed February 28, 2003

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